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The following is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

Listing of claims:

- 1 1. (currently amended) A method of purchasing products and services over a
2 network comprising the steps of:
3 submitting a Request for Quotation (RFQ) with a plurality of attributes
4 over the network;
5 receiving a plurality of bids in response to the RFQ over the network,
6 each of the plurality of bids having values for each of said plurality of
7 attributes;
8 creating a graphical visual interface based on a coordinate system
9 having a plurality of equidistant, parallel axes with ~~each a separate one~~ of the
10 plurality of attributes identified ~~along with each~~ respective one of the plurality
11 of equidistant, parallel axes, and for each of said plurality of attributes there is
12 a point along said respective parallel axis which reflects ~~an a corresponding~~
13 attribute value for ~~an a respective~~ attribute of each corresponding one of said
14 plurality of bids, and where each of said plurality of bids is identified by a bid
15 line which connects said plurality of corresponding attribute values for each
16 corresponding bid ~~a plurality of points wherein each point is associated with~~
17 ~~an attribute value for one attribute of a bid of said plurality of bids~~, whereby
18 the graphical user interface shows a relationship in a graphical format
19 between attribute values of different attributes of different bids of said
20 plurality of bids in a single display, each of said plurality of bids being
21 responsive to said RFQ; and
22 displaying information pertinent to a selected bid of the plurality of
23 bids.

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1 2. (canceled)

1 3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the information is
2 one of a general information and detailed information related to at least one
3 bid of said plurality of bids.

1 4. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising the
2 steps of:
3 selecting a portion of a bid line; and
4 retrieving the general or detailed information from a database, the
5 general or detailed information being pertinent to the bid line.

1 5. (previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the retrieved
2 general information is provided in a window adjacent the bid line.

1 6. (original) The method of claim 4, further comprising the steps of:
2 creating a display separate from the graphical visual interface; and
3 displaying the detailed information in the separate display.

1 7. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein the detailed information is
2 rendered in one of text, image, audio, sound, video, graphs and animation.

1 8. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the information is
2 attribute information associated with one bid line.

1 9. (previously presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising the
2 steps of:

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3 selecting a portion of a bid line; and

4 retrieving the attribute information from a database for display.

1 10. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the attribute information is
2 one of text, image, audio, sound, video, graphs and animation.

1 11. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the
2 steps of:

3 tagging at least one bid line; and

4 displaying the tagged at least one bid line on the graphical visual
5 interface after a selected filtering operation.

1 12. (currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein ~~the graphical~~
2 information displayed on the graphical visual interface includes ~~is~~ at least one
3 attribute value associated with the tagged at least one bid line.

1 13. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising the
2 steps of:

3 untagging the at least one bid line; and

4 removing the untagged at least one bid line from the graphical visual
5 interface in response to the selected filtering operation.

1 14. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of
2 displaying a count of bid lines associated with the at least one bid, the count
3 being displayed on the graphical visual interface.

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1 15. (original) The method of claim 14, further comprising the steps of
2 continuously counting the number of bid lines and displaying the counted
3 number of bid lines in the graphical visual interface.

1 16. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of
2 enlarging or reducing a portion of the graphical visual interface.

1 17. (previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the enlarging or
2 reducing steps show portions of bid lines.

1 18. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of scrolling
2 the graphical visual interface in a desired direction.

1 19. (currently amended) A method of purchasing products and services over
2 a network comprising the steps of:
3 submitting a Request for Quotation (RFQ) with a plurality of attributes
4 over the network;
5 receiving a plurality of bids in response to the RFQ over the network,
6 each of the plurality of bids having values for each of said plurality of
7 attributes;
8 creating a graphical visual interface based on a coordinate system
9 having a plurality of equidistant, parallel axes with ~~each~~ a separate one of the
10 plurality of attributes identified ~~along with each~~ respective one of the plurality
11 of equidistant, parallel axes, and for each of said plurality of attributes there is
12 a point along said respective parallel axis which reflects ~~an~~ a corresponding
13 attribute value for ~~an~~ a respective attribute of each corresponding one of said
14 plurality of bids, and where each of said plurality of bids is identified by a bid
15 line which connects said plurality of corresponding attribute values for each

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16 ~~corresponding bid~~ a plurality of points wherein each point is associated with
17 ~~an attribute value for one attribute of a bid of said plurality of bids~~, whereby
18 the graphical user interface shows a relationship in a graphical format
19 between attribute values of different attributes of different bids of said
20 plurality of bids in a single display, each of said plurality of bids being
21 responsive to said RFQ; and
22 tagging at least one bid line of the bid lines, wherein the tagged at least
23 one bid line remains displayed on the graphical visual interface after a
24 selected filtering operation.

1 20. (previously presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising the
2 steps of:

3 untagging the at least one bid line; and
4 removing the untagged at least one bid line from the graphical visual
5 interface in response to the selected filtering operation.

1 21. (previously presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising the
2 step of providing information pertinent to the tagged at least one bid line.

1 22. (currently amended) A system for purchasing products and services over
2 a network comprising:

3 means for submitting a Request for Quotation (RFQ) with a plurality
4 of attributes over the network;

5 means for receiving a plurality of bids in response to the RFQ over the
6 network, each of the plurality of bids having values for each of said plurality
7 of attributes;

8 means for creating a graphical visual interface based on a coordinate
9 system having a plurality of equidistant, parallel axes with ~~each~~ a separate one

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10 of the plurality of attributes identified ~~along with~~ each respective one of the
11 plurality of equidistant, parallel axes, and for each of said plurality of
12 attributes there is a point along said respective parallel axis which reflects ~~an~~
13 corresponding attribute value for ~~an~~ a respective attribute of each
14 corresponding one of said plurality of bids, and where each of said plurality of
15 bids is identified by a bid line which connects said plurality of corresponding
16 attribute values for each corresponding bid ~~a plurality of points wherein each~~
17 ~~point is associated with an attribute value for one attribute of a bid of said~~
18 ~~plurality of bids~~, whereby the graphical user interface shows a relationship in
19 a graphical format between attribute values of different attributes of different
20 bids of said plurality of bids in a single display, each of said plurality of bids
21 being responsive to said RFQ; and
22 means for providing information associated with a selected bid of the
23 plurality of bids.

1 23. (original) The system of claim 22, wherein the information is one of
2 general information, detailed information and attribute information.

1 24. (previously presented) The system of claim 23, further comprising:
2 means for selecting a portion of a selected bid line; and
3 means for retrieving the general or detailed information from a
4 database, the general or detailed information being pertinent to the selected
5 bid line.

1 25. (original) The system of claim 24, further comprising:
2 means for creating a display separate from the graphical visual
3 interface; and
4 means for displaying the detailed information in the display.

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1 26. (previously presented) The system of claim 22, further comprising means
2 for tagging at least one bid line, the tagged at least one bid line being
3 displayed on the graphical visual interface after a selected filtering operation.

1 27. (original) The system of claim 22, further comprising:
2 means for counting bid lines created from connected attribute values
3 of the at least one bid; and
4 means for displaying the counted bid lines.

1 28. (original) The system of claim 22, further comprising means for
2 enlarging or reducing a portion of the graphical visual interface.

1 29. (original) The system of claim 22, further comprising means for scrolling
2 the graphical visual interface in a desired direction.

1 30. (currently amended) A computer machine-readable medium having
2 instructions containing code for purchasing products and services over a
3 network, said instructions when executed by a computer cause said computer
4 to perform the code implementing the steps of:
5 submitting a Request for Quotation (RFQ) with a plurality of attributes
6 over the network;
7 receiving a plurality of bids in response to the RFQ over the network,
8 each of the plurality of bids having values for each of said plurality of
9 attributes;
10 creating a graphical visual interface based on a coordinate system
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23 responsive to said RFQ; and
24 providing information associated with a selected bid of the plurality of
25 bids.